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President Eisenhower and the Church Paper

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington, D. C.

Dr. William B. Lipphard
Executive Secretary
The Associated Church Press
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Lipphard:

October is a significant time to observe CHURCH PRESS MONTH. Beginning with the national Day of Prayer on October 2nd, and guided by the truth which sets men free, the various periodicals of the church have a splendid opportunity to emphasize their story of faith and good works across the land.

Cordially yours,
Dwight D. Eisenhower
President

The above letter from the President to the Associated Church Press speaks for itself. October is Church Press Month. Our own particular efforts will be made October 13-20, which will be the dates of CHURCH PRESS WEEK. It is our hope that pastors and congregations will make a special effort that week to get Ansgar Lutheran into every home. The statement following is by Peter Day, Editor of the Living Church President of the Associated Church Press.

The Church Press and the Gospel

By Peter Day

Why support the church press? October is the month in which local churches and individual church members of America are asked to work for strengthening the circulation and service of their church papers.

The church press makes no claim to be supported just for itself. It is an important, even a necessary, means for the spread of the gospel in a world of mass communications. More and more the local church is recognizing the fact that it cannot present the whole gospel to its parishioners unless it tells them about the work, the struggles, the achievements, and the problems of church life in other parts of the world. The religion of Jesus Christ must not come to an end at the edge of the local community. It must spread out to take in all the hopes and fears and needs of all men everywhere.

Therefore, responsible local leaders in many denominations are working to make sure that each church member is in touch with the great story of church life on the national and international scene. Write to your church magazine or to your denominational headquarters to find out what you can do to help the cause in Church Press Month — October, 1957.

News and Notes

Lynwood, California, St. Paul's Church again went camping for its eighth annual family Retreat over the Labor Day week-end. The speakers were from the other two synods merging with the U.E.L.C. Two of the most impressive memories were the prayer circles conducted in the late afternoon and the fagot service held at the last evening service. At this evening service both young and old individually went before the fireplace and told the campers what they had received from these few days and then cast their fagots on the fire as an act of their consecration.

Following the evening programs the many young people at camp held a prayer hike up the mountains. When they got to the end of their hike they sang songs and said individual prayers.

St. Paul's feels that these retreats are one of the greatest spiritual forces in their church. They conduct special retreats for their boards, young people, Sunday School children, men, as well as this one for the entire congregation.

Emmaus Lutheran Church, Eugene, Oregon. After the return of Pastor and Mrs. Edward R. Andersen from their attendance at the national convention of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church and their vacation to the East Coast and Canada in June, they had an open house at the parsonage for the Emmaus Lutheran Church congregation on July 14th. Colored slides of the trip were shown.

Sunday morning, August 18th, at Emmaus Lutheran Church, Ronald L. Christensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Verner Christensen, Eugene, Oregon, spoke at the Family Sunday School Worship Service and the Church Worship Service.

Mr. Christensen is a seminary student at Trinity Lutheran Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa. He graduated from Williamette High School and the University of Oregon, both at Eugene, Oregon.

Sunday, September 1st, the Emmaus Lutheran Church Congregation had their Annual Outdoor Worship Service at 11:00 A.M. at the Water Board Park on the McKenzie River.

Pastor Ezra Jangare, a native Lutheran pastor of the Sudan Mission in Nigeria, Africa spoke at the Outdoor Worship Service. He had attended the Lutheran World Federation Assembly at Minneapolis, Minnesota and is now visiting some of the Lutheran congregations of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Dr. Regin Prenter of the theological faculty, University of Aarhus, Denmark, will be a guest on the Dana campus Friday, September 27. He speak at the morning chapel service, 9:50, and at an informal discussion session at 3:00 P.M. Dana College extends a cordial invitation to pastors and others interested to attend these meetings.

Dr. Prenter is recognized as one of the leading Lutheran theologians of the world. His book *Spiritus Creator*, which was translated into English some years ago, is now being translated into Japanese by Dr. Chitose Kihisi.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

The 61st Annual Convention of the Minnesota District will be held October 8-10 at the Main Street Lutheran Church, Hutchinson, Minnesota. The theme of the convention is "Seek Ye First the Kingdom . . ." All the congregations of the District kindly send a full quota of delegates (1 for each 50 confirmed members). Send your reservation in early.

Fred Jacobsen, President

Main Street Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, Minnesota, extends a cordial invitation to pastors and delegates of the Minnesota District congregations, as well as other visitors, to be our guests during the 1957 district convention. Lodging and breakfast will be provided in homes of our members, and other meals will be served in our dining hall at nominal cost. Kindly announce the time of your coming to Mrs. Elmer Nelson, Lewis Ave., Hutchinson.

Henry Lewison, President
Edward A. Hansen, Pastor

The 79th annual convention of the Zion Society for Israel will be held in Trinity Lutheran Church, Rapid Rapids, Minnesota on October 11 and 13th.

C. M. Hanson,
Executive Secretary

Minnesota District W.M.S.S.

The annual meeting of the Minnesota District W.M.S. will be held in conjunction with the Minnesota District convention at Hutchinson, Minnesota.

The business session will be at 8 p.m. Thursday, October 10th and the Mission program at 8:00 the following evening.

All member societies are urged to send delegates in the ratio of one delegate for each twenty-five members or fraction thereof.

Mrs. Arnold Jorgenson, Secretary
Minnesota District W.M.S.

North Dakota-Montana Mission

On June 25th, 1957 during the North Dakota-Montana District Convention in Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Cascade, Montana, the men present from the congregations of the District held a special meeting. A committee of three was elected to investigate the possibilities of organizing a Brotherhood of Lutheran Church men at the District level. The following committee was elected to report at the District convention to be held in Missoula, Montana: Mr. Carl J. Dymally, Sidney, Chairman; Mr. Gerald Culbertson, Montana; and Mr. V. Andersen, Westby, Montana.

Shennington, Wis. Sunday August 18th, St. Peter's congregation celebrated the golden anniversary of the church edifice and the 66th anniversary of the congregation. Pastor L. C. Hansen of Blair, Nebr., a former member, was with us and preached in the morning. Student pastor Chris Larson was liturgist. A fellowship dinner was well attended.

The afternoon program began with greetings from Pastor L. C. Hansen and former pastor Chaplain Gudfred Pedersen. A greeting by letter from our former pastor, George Jensen.
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Editorials and Comments

THE CHURCHES AND THE NEGRO PROBLEM

This is written while Governor Faubus is resisting integration in the State of Arkansas. The whole country anxiously following the day to day developments. We have seen some of the events on TV. Here was a little red girl being escorted away from the school. Here was a group of white citizens shouting themselves hoarse.

We sit and feel ashamed that our American people permit these conditions to exist.

We know that old prejudices die very slowly. We know that the caste system in India has been very difficult to overcome. But we talked to a pastor from India the other day, and we asked him about the caste system. He said that civilization and education gradually makes the system disappear. We asked him about his caste. He told us what it was, but he said that this did not mean anything, when you become a Christian. The moment you become a Christian such a distinction falls to the ground.

We wish that could be said about the people in America, that the Christians have the proper view of the dignity of man.

But the sad fact is that there are many church members in the South who resist integration. The church members there, if they all adhered to the teachings of Jesus, would be able to bring such a moral pressure on the whole of society that integration would take place without incident.

This problem cannot be solved by law and by force. It must be solved by the Christian people, whose testimony and whose actions gradually bring about the change in the hearts of the people.

While we were getting the news about Governor Faubus, we also heard that our representative at the United Nations, Mr. Lodge, said they would keep the Russian suppression of Hungary alive. Mr. Lodge is right, of course, Russia should stand condemned for its action in Hungary. But we feel that the United Nations stands condemned before the world, if we permit a negro to be treated with violence.

We cannot be Christian and believe in segregation at the same time.

The colored people in Africa and Asia will consider us a strange people. We speak of democracy, but we do not practice it. This helps the communist propaganda a great deal.

Someone suggested that President Eisenhower should go down to one of these schools and take a negro child by the hand and lead her to school. Perhaps this would

help. We simply want to say that if we are Christians we must pray to God that things may be changed, and we must by all our actions show, that our confession is not just a statement of words, but that we will back it up by action.

THE CHURCH FOR THOSE WHO NEVER COME NEAR IT

This editorial from the Watchman-Examiner is written better than we could do it, so we reprint it in full:

"We ought never to forget, as churchmen, that the church exists for the sake of those who never come near it. Whenever a Christian community takes that seriously, it will follow that evangelism there is a vitally continuous movement. Whenever a church becomes self-centered it really ceases to be a true church. A self-centered church is not evangelistic. It is not evangelism to get new members to arrest the declining enrolment in the church. A church must be willing to lose its life in order to find it. Just as the true Christian is one who is reckless of life in performing the duty of testimony, so a church to be true must consist of such members. And such a church will be compassionate toward those in the community who are lost. The church, then, exists for those who ignore it, insult it, oppose it, people who in their sinful blindness are offended by the church which they know is both the symbol of judgment and salvation. Evangelism, therefore, is almost always a church activity. It is not a matter of eloquence but redeeming love. It is not so much the function of organizing but gospelizing—actually causing the community to be conscious of the gospel. Such evangelism is the very life of the churches and the only assurance of their permanency. Failing there, it will forget all about the church and never receive the testimony it is commissioned to bear to them. This would be more than a calamitous loss."

IF YOU FORGOT

Here is a reminder to those who might have overlooked or forgotten our appeal to pastors and church councils last week. We are thinking about our church paper. It is very difficult in our busy time for the pastor to get to visit the homes of the members. And when he does come, it is not very easy to get to talk about the things that matter most. Therefore we suggest that you make a real effort to get the members to subscribe to and read The Ansgar Lutheran. It comes as a visitor every week and it talks about the things the pastor likes to talk about.

Church News from here and there

THEOLOGIAN DEPLORES SNOBBERY IN CHURCHES

Snobbery in many churches today is repelling more people than they are attracting. Prof. Albert T. Rassmussen of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School charged at Whitby, Ont., Canada.

Addressing the United Church of Canada's annual conference on evangelism, he said:

"Our houses of worship have become places for the social climbers and our congregations have become just crowds, like the patrons of a movie theatre."

Dr. Rassmussen said this is "the age of the class-conscious church." He said the average white-collar worker is fast beginning to find out that he isn't welcome in many city churches.

"Not that he isn't welcomed verbally by both the minister and some members of the congregation," the professor said, "because he is. But it's after he's attended several services with these social aspirants who drive pastel colored cars that he senses the coldness."

As a result of this treatment, Dr. Rassmussen said, many people drop out of the church and are never heard from again.

"There are vast numbers of these people who crave church membership in every city," he said, "but they are left out because no one wishes to look after their spiritual needs."

Decrying what he called the loss of the old-time parish system the theologian urged churches to again become "vehicles of neighborliness" instead of simply places where the individual Christian goes to worship.

Dr. Rassmussen also said the church should be "a chamber of commerce in reverse" and point up what is wrong in a community.

"The great sin of the church is to be so interested in serving those within that it cannot serve the needs of those without," he said.

He criticized churches which, in effect, tell the alcoholic to go and stop drinking and then come back to join the church.

In his view the church should present itself as "a society of sinners who have been and constantly are in trouble . . . but who are continuously seeking grace to meet new problems and temptations."

The professor also maintained that too much emphasis has been put by churches on sensual sins to the neglect of the man "who chisels his neighbor."

NATION'S CHURCHES REPORT RECORD MEMBERSHIPS

Over three million more Americans joined the church of their choice last year than in 1955, bringing total church and synagogue membership to 103,224,954—a record-breaking 62 per cent of the population. Other equally impressive statistics are included in the 1958 Yearbook of American Churches, published Sept. 3 by the National Council of Churches.

The membership count is based on reports from 258 church bodies, including the Roman Catholic Church which counts all baptized infants, and the Lutheran and Protestant Episcopal communions, which now count all baptized persons. The others record only those who request and obtain membership. Not reporting was the Church of Christ Scientist, which forbids "the numbering of people and reporting such statistics for publication."

A breakdown of the major religious groups as shown in the Yearbook indicates that in 1956 there were 60,148,980 Protestants, 34,563,851 Roman Catholics, 5,500,000 Jews and 2,598,055 Eastern Orthodox

church members in the U. S. States. Largest of the denominations is the Methodist Church with 9,400,000; the Southern Baptist Convention with 8,700,000 and the National Baptist Convention, Inc., with 4,550,000.

The "boom" in church building also recorded in the Yearbook shows church construction at a peak of \$775,000,000 for the year, topping the previous year by \$100,000,000. Church schools, too, have been mushrooming to accommodate the year's 2.5 per cent increase in Sunday School enrollments—put at about 40 million children. And 13,000 more ministers are serving churches than the year before, making a new high of 230,000 in 1956.

THEOLOGIAN DECRIES 'DISTRACTED LIFE' LED BY SEMINARIANS

A New York theologian, in an address at Oberlin, O., decries "distracted life" which he said is forced upon ministerial students in this country.

The Rev. Daniel Day Williams of the Union Theological Seminary said today's seminarian is faced with "too many courses, too many subjects, too many papers, too many selections to read from too many books, too many hours on the job and too many hours going and returning."

"On top of all this," he said, "seminary students are earning a living and raising a family and trying to be good citizens by belonging to too many organizations."

He told the triennial conference of the Interseminary Movement that "The result is that the student never develops the habit of sustained critical reflection and it is hard to see how all this can have an impact on the church and the world."

"The greatest cause of this distraction," Mr. Williams said, "is

LUTHERAN WORLD ACTION REPORT — AUG. 31

CHURCH BODY	TOTAL GOAL	TOTAL RECEIPTS	PERCENT 8/31/57	GOAL 8/31/56
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Church in America	\$1,595,985.00	\$ 917,063.12	57	58
elical Lutheran Church	682,899.00	201,760.17	30	32
ican Lutheran Church	607,212.00	275,025.00	45	53
stana Lutheran Church	383,885.00	205,000.00	54	52
eran Free Church	50,432.00	25,113.50	50	17
ed Evangelical Lutheran Church	37,196.00	13,500.00	36	29
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on that we can pack into three
'everything that a minister
to know.'

said that seminaries ought to
entrate the years of theological
on the issues and problems
a matter most, so as to lay a
ation for the minister's growth
g his entire life of service."

Discussing the many activities and
ures facing today's clergymen,
Williams said ministers must get
their theological training "an
standing of the cultural, po-
scientific and other forces at
in the modern world."

DR. MACKAY LAUDS
GRAHAM'S
NEW YORK CRUSADE

John A. Mackay, president of
etson Theological Seminary,

lauded evangelist Billy Graham's
recent New York Crusade. Dr.
Mackay, a leading American Pres-
byterian theologian said:

"Let no one look down his ec-
clesiastical, theological or culturally
sophisticated nose at what has been
happening this past summer in the
great metropolitan area," he said.
"The fact that vast audiences have
listened to a Christian evangelist
night after night for more than three
months, through all the swelter of
an unprecedentedly hot summer is
clear evidence of the intense thirst
for spiritual satisfaction in life on
the part of a host of ordinary
people.'

"This thing has been of God. The
Holy Spirit has clearly been at work
in the hearts of common folk."

Dr. Mackay said he had the "pro-
foundest faith in God's servant, Billy

Graham," and "I give my unquali-
fied support to the work in which
he is engaged."

"Graham's ministry has been pro-
phetic," he said. "Men have been
made aware of the sins of the heart
and of society. It is unfair, however,
to demand that Billy Graham should
have offered a blueprint for the so-
lution of complicated social issues
in our highly industrialized mass
society or that he should be a train-
ed theologian."

SURVEY SHOWS STAND OF
PROTESTANTS ON BELIEFS

Oberlin, O. (RNS) — A survey
of Minnesota Protestants shows they
tend to agree in their beliefs con-
cerning Christ, the nature of the
Christian Church and the Lord's
Supper; but disagree about the
Bible, the basis of authority and
Baptism.

The survey, conducted among
clergy and laymen of ten denomina-
tions found little desire for greater
organizational unity.

Results of the study were report-
ed to the North American Confer-
ence of Faith and Order, which had
as its theme "The Nature of the
Unity we Seek." The conference
was sponsored by the Faith and
Order Commission of the World
Council of Churches, the U. S. Con-
ference for the World Council, the
National Council of Churches and
the Canadian Council of Churches.

Dr. Edgar Carlson, president of
Gustavus Adolphus College, St.
Peter, Minn., who served as chair-
man of the Minnesota committee
which made the survey, announced
the results.

They disclosed that laymen tend
to be more conservative (traditional
or orthodox) in their beliefs than
the clergy.

The extent of agreement was
"surprisingly large" on the sacra-
ment of the Lord's Supper, Dr.
Carlson said. A total of 68 per cent
of the laity and 60 per cent of the
clergy checked responses on the
sheet which "implied communion
with the person of Christ in the
sacrament," he said.

The Washington Observer

By Gerhard Lenski

SHORTER WORK-DAY

Shorter and shorter grows the work-period each week for the American workingman. A recent survey compiled by the **Labor Department** says the nation is definitely moving in that direction. Already 6 million office workers work less than 40 hours a week. Over against this trend the Labor Department statistician sets some other figures for comparison purposes. After the Civil War, when General Grant was President, the hours of the average work-week were 70. By 1900, thanks to improved machinery and legislation, the average work-week was close to 60 hours. Under President Hoover, as depression days came on, the figure shrank to 50 hours. Now the prevailing work-week is one of 40 hours in five days. **Labor-Leader Walter Reuther** has indicated that, when the 1958 union-labor contracts are negotiated, one of labor's demands will be for a still shorter work-week, possibly one of 32 hours in a 4 day period, the same with present pay levels or even higher provided. All work and no play, no doubt, does make Jack a dull boy. But what will much play and little work do for Jack? That question is important in our national economy and the day comes swiftly on when it must be answered in a realistic way. It is to be hoped that the answer given will be a Christian as well as a realistic one.

Labor-Leader Walter Reuther, pressing his case against the big industrialists, advocating a shorter work-week, possibly one of 32 hours in 4 days, has invited some sharp, critical comment. Interestingly enough, these comments come from other than the great industrialists who might be expected to object. **Dr. William Russell**, President Emeritus of Teachers' College, Co-

lumbia University, says: "Too much leisure with too much money has been the dread of societies across the ages. That is when nations begin to cave in. That is when they fall." **Editor Clifton Fadiman**, who certainly knows our American mores well, says: "It doesn't take a psychologist to predict that if we try to fill leisure time by putting a small white ball into a slightly larger hole or gawking at television crooning, we will as a people go quietly or noisily nuts." **Dr. David Riesman**, eminent sociologist, deals with this whole problem more constructively when he points out the need for what he calls "avocational counselors," that is, wise and inspiring personalities who will show us how to use advantageously this enlarged free time which is to be placed at our disposal.

Dr. Riesman's suggestion is one which deserves special consideration in church circles. Our busy pastors will do well to prepare themselves to be good "avocational counselors." More than that, let them at this time try to devise ways and means to enlist in useful church-work some of these many people who might otherwise fritter away leisure time and fall into the bad habits which idleness breeds.

KNOTTY EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS

Some straight-forward answers to knotty educational problems are being given us these days. **Former President Truman**, addressing 1,000 public school teachers, recently criticized sharply the idea of letting children do as they please as a means of developing character. This idea, he said, "along with lazy parents, baby sitters and a shortage of switches has made our educational system a coddling process." Mr. Truman backed up his assertion with a bit of personal testimony,

saying: "My first grade teacher opened school with prayer. She kept a good limber switch in the corner and if any smart aleck did not behave, he felt that switch where it did the most good."

Prince Philip and Queen Elizabeth of England are reported playing their son Prince Charles, now 15 years old, in a boarding school where life is simple and austere. At this school the headmaster still uses a cane for disciplinary purposes. When this headmaster was asked about Prince Charles, the answer was given that he would be handled like any other boy. "Where would the cane (if needed) be applied?" Said Headmaster Beck: "In the customary place."

Experts may disagree regarding discipline and corporal punishment but education is not likely to be much to youth if these are not present in some form. Even at this day it seems there are some prominent people who believe in the maxim: "Spare the rod and spoil the child."

"I PROTEST"

One of the last issues of the **Congressional Record** carries a vigorous protest of **Senator Margaret Chase Smith** of Maine against the proposed promotion of **John Stewart**, actor, to the rank of brigadier general in the Air Force to serve. Mrs. Smith does not mention words in her protest. She does think that "success in business and the movies" should take preference over military training and fighting. She further charges a certain ranking Air Force officer with "misrepresentations and falsehoods in his recommendations. Nine years of actual training in a pre-service period of eleven years according to Mrs. Smith, are enough to make a good general out of a good actor.

Our country needs plain sensible individuals like Mrs. Smith. Congress must appoint many individuals to important assignments many of which happen to carry honor and prestige with them.

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OD'S BOUNDLESS LOVE R THE LOST

By Peter J. Vammen

d in His marvelous wisdom and love planned the
ndous scheme of redemption that all people might
ven a chance to be saved. "For God hath not ap-
ed us unto wrath, but to obtain salvation by our
Jesus Christ," says Scripture. And we read fur-
"He spared not His own Son, but delivered him
r us all." Yea, our Lord Jesus Christ came of His
free will to suffer and die "that He might bring us
od." Archimedes wanted a fulcrum on which to
a lever and then, he said, he could move the world.
atha is the fulcrum, and the cross of Christ is the
Through this love and power of God our redemp-
has been wrought. Consequently, the world can
be saved. But if this is to be realized, mankind
acknowledge its woeful depths of sin and find its
rection with a new life in the crucified and risen
emer.

this end God extends daily His love and mercy to
st everywhere. Let us praise Him that His concern
e lost is not confined to the community where you
happen to live, to a few clans or tribes, or to a
omparatively nice people of our choice. God is
tial. He loves the entire world. "I have compas-
n the multitudes," said Jesus. God's arms of love
erefore continuously outstretched toward the ap-
ate three hundred millions in the befogged maze
uperstition-ridden Confucianism, the 250,000,000
n the ugly grip of sensual, loveless, heartrending
nmedanism, the 200,000,000 bound in the weird
h-worship of Buddhism, the 165,000,000 groping in
eved darkness of Animism, the 12,000,000 Jews
vere meant to be first to make Christ their choice,
e approximate 150,000,000 atheists and unconcern-
is boundles love and compassion is also extended
lost in our churches. Like the lost penny, some
are lost for Christ in their own home and their
church. They may be characterized as occasional
ch-goers, spiritually unenlightened, hypocrites.
calls them tares among the wheat.

's love for the lost becomes even more apparent
we consider the value He places upon one soul.
m it is worth more than all the material wealth
world. All the people of a certain village moved
ue a deranged man who threatened to jump from
e of a high building. All their efforts were in vain
was seen taking the fatal plunge. While they were
their utmost to save a man's life, God is con-
about the value of one soul. Christ went in
for the lost sheep and to meet the prodigal.



Pastor Peter J. Vammen
Penn Yan, N. Y.

But since Christ died to save all, He now "commandeth
all men everywhere to repent" and believe the Gospel
unto salvation. To all the lost, be they outside or in-
side the framework of the church, God can on the basis
of the sacrifice of His Son forgive all lost sinners, pro-
viding they will give heed. Listen to His pleading voice:
"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord:
though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white
as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall
be as wool." The word "come" in this connection means
simply to believe in the merits of Christ. If you who
read these lines be lost, will you come, will you believe
now? God will accept you.

We must also realize that if the lost are to be given
opportunity to accept Christ, God's people must respond
to the challenge of bearing witness to His great com-
passion for the lost. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me . . .
unto the uttermost parts of the earth," said Jesus. All
true Christians are called upon to speak a word for
Christ's cause at every God-given opportunity and let
the life of Christ shine through their own behavior.
Others are called to full time duty in His service. Nor
could any work be nobler or wiser. By the swinging of
a cathedral oil lamp Galileo discovered the rhythmic
principle of nature, which today is applied in counting of
the human pulse, the management of time on the clock,
the eclipses of the sun and the movement of the stars.
During his life he experimented in magnetism, gravi-
tation, motion, etc. He invented the compass and the
thermometer, improved the telescope and wrote innum-
erable books. Magnificent work indeed, but far from the
wisest or the greatest work in the world. The wisest

or Peter J. Vammen is pastor of St. Paul's Luther-
urch, Penn Yan, N. Y., one of our few congrega-
n the east.

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Women at the Assembly

By Margaret A. Miller

President of U.E.L.C. W.M.S.

We asked Miss Miller to write some of her impressions about the women at the Lutheran World Assembly. She represented our Synod on the Lutheran Women's Coordinating Committee.

As I got off the bus one morning, an attractive young missionary to Japan, joined me and we chatted as we walked to the auditorium. While assisting at the "Women of the Church Exhibit" and as a guest at the home luncheons, I met many women. These luncheons were made possible through the local Hospitality Committee, where they served from twelve to twenty plus some foreign guests. I met a college teacher of Gothenburg, Sweden, and her mother, a young lady on her third furlough from Madras, India, a Parish Worker in Bishop Lilje's area and an elementary teacher from Burg-haslach, Bavaria, as well as women from all Synods and all parts of the U. S. A. There were others—one cannot take space to mention all of them.

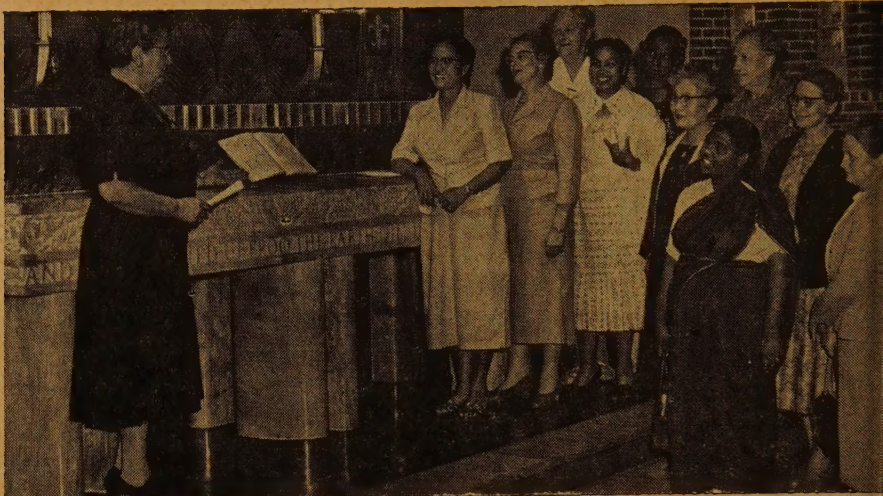
The foreign countries had some women among their delegates as did the American Lutheran church and the Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church of the U. S. A. On the Assembly floor there were tables for other Women Representatives.

Dr. Dorothy Haas, Pres. of the W.M.F. of the A.L.C., responded to one of the challenges of "The Voice of the Critical World" and gave witness to "Our Freedom for Service" at the concluding Festival Service.

L.W.C.C. Tea

On the afternoon of August 14th, the day prior to the opening of the third great Lutheran World Federation, the Lutheran Women's Coordinating Committee of North America planned a program and the women of Bethlehem Church were in charge of the Tea at Bethlehem Church. Guests included the eleven women brought here by the Women of the National Lutheran Council churches, the wives of foreign officials, the wives of the Presidents of the Synods and a specified number of other members. Mrs. Hajime Inadomi was one of them.

Mrs. C. Baker, Jr., Chairman of the L.W.C.C. Committee presided and introduced the foreign guests. Dr. Dorothy Haas presented a sterling



The Lutheran Womens Coordinating Committee of North America, composed of representatives from the various Synods of the National Lutheran Council, with Mrs. C. Baker, Jr., as chairman, and working with Dr. Lund-Quist and Stoughton brought these women to the third L.W.F. at Minneapolis.

Our Synodical W.M.S. shared in this cooperative project through a contribution last year and this year.

From left to right: Mrs. C. Baker, Jr.; T. S. Sihombing, Indonesia; Henriette Westermann, Holland; Miss Hildegard Ellenbeck, Germany; Dr. M. Ramaramanana, Madagascar; Dr. Byron Traub, Liberia; Mrs. Hajime Inadomi, Japan; Mrs. Armgard von Alvensleben; Miss Teli S. Rajeswari, India; Dr. Paunu, Finland; Mrs. Dorothea Seydel, Brazil. Miss Irena Heintz, Poland, absent.

Picture was taken in the Wittenberg College chapel of Springfield,

silver pendant made and designed especially for the occasion and the foreign guests. Miss Teli Rajeswari responded for the group expressing their joy and gratefulness to God and the women of the U. S. A. for the privilege of attending this Assembly. The Fellowship Tea following the program gave further opportunity for Christian fellowship.

The Leadership Luncheon

This luncheon held at the Leamington Hotel Saturday noon, August 17th, where about 600 women were in attendance was another activity of the L.W.C.C. Mrs. Bernard Spong was toastmistress and Mrs. Oscar Branstad gave an inspirational address. Women from Poland, Indonesia, Madagascar and South America related information regarding the organization and activities of their women in their respective countries. It warmed our hearts as we learned of their devoted service and we silently praised God for these women.

The L.W.F. Church Women's Luncheon

The Twin Cities Lutheran Women's League sponsored a luncheon on Tuesday, Aug. 20th at the Leamington Hotel which was attended by some 1,600 women of the world. Each of the 75 overseas guests was accompanied by a Twin City hostess.

Five overseas women brought greetings from their homelands. Mrs. Armgard von Alvensleben, Hannover, president of the Evangelical German Rail-

way Mission—14 mission home Railway Stations, thanked for great help of American friends. God bless you for your kindness, your love and friendship."

Miss Henriette Westerman presented small wooden shoes to Mrs. Traub, the Governor's wife as a token of deep thankfulness from the women of Holland. She is a teacher of German in the High School, on the Council and could translate many languages.

Coming from India to Minneapolis was a great experience for Miss Rajeswari who is a Christian School teacher in India. She had the Governor's wife with a gift of cloves. She rejoiced that we "all saved by the same blood of Christ."

Mrs. Byron Traub, Monrovia, Liberia, is an assistant editor of a newspaper "New Day." Her joy in Christ radiated as she exclaimed "Praise God, Praise His Holy Name." They have four children, seven grandchildren and she paid the tuition for the second semester for nine children so they could remain in school.

With the Official Delegates, Women and other guests worshipping, singing, and singing in this world fellowship one is reminded of the vine, you are the branches. Many branches of the Lutheran Church were in the Assembly centered in the true vine "who frees and unites us."

GOD'S BOUNDLESS LOVE FOR THE LOST

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greatest work any man can undertake to do is to bear witness concerning God's love for the lost as revealed in Christ Jesus. "He that winneth souls is wise," says Scripture. Of those engaged in this service the prophet Daniel has this to say: "They shall shine as brightness of the firmament; and they that turn away to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." The fact is that those who heed God's call to spend themselves in winning the lost for Christ erect monuments more lasting than bronze, more lofty than the great structure of the pyramids, which knowing storms cannot destroy, nor the flight of time.

This challenge of God to bear witness of His compassion for the lost has not gone unheeded. It is noteworthy that thousands of Christian lay people in every Christian land use their spare time in the service of Christ. Some are engaged as consecrated Sunday school teachers, as voices of the Lord in our church choirs or as colporteurs distributing Bibles and other Christian literature. Others visit the sick in hospitals, the poor in the slums, the aged in rest homes with a word from the Great Physician. A certain surgeon who made his mark in the U. S. A. now serves on the border marches of civilization at less per year than he would receive for the performance of one major operation in New York City. As a Christian, he heeded God's call to bear witness where needed most of what Christ has done for man.

To touch a man's pocketbook is usually difficult. Yet Christ's followers give of their wealth or of their meager earnings to meet the challenge of God to bring the Gospel of Christ to the lost anywhere in the world. The late Mr. Charington, immediately after his conversion, gave up the value of 1¼ millions of pounds for Christ's sake and the Gospel's. To those who accept Christ's order to bring the word of reconciliation to the lost, no sacrifice has been too great; no climate has been considered too severe; no heat too unbearable; no land too barren; no language too difficult; no tribe too fierce. The messengers of the Cross have usually been the pioneers to bring light, learning and medical relief to those in need, as well as salvation through Christ at little or no consideration of hardships to themselves.

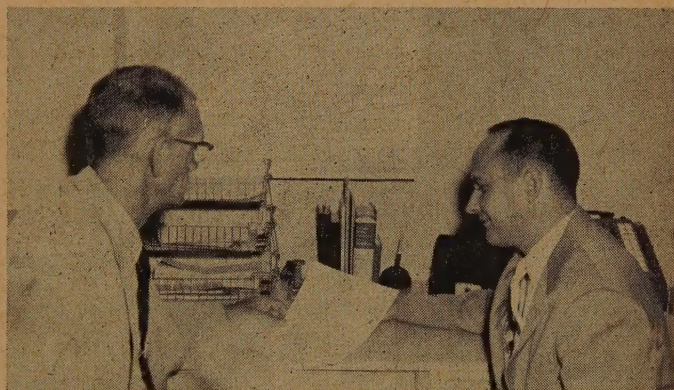
Many have even become martyrs in their eagerness to bear witness of Christ to the lost. In the early Christian era martyrs were numbered by the tens of thousands. Today also courageous witnesses are willing to go anywhere, to do anything and suffer everything to bring the Gospel of salvation to teeming millions without knowledge of the Savior. The motivation for their zeal is God's boundless love for the lost. May it inspire each and all of us to greater action in God's soul-winning plan. Let us go forward with greater zeal than ever.



Enrollment Record

A new enrollment record has been set at Dana College. Contrary to the figure quoted in last week's paper, the total enrollment now stands at 299, with at least one more student still expected. The previous enrollment record was set in 1947, when, with the return of veterans, Dana had 298 students.

The number of persons benefiting from the cause of Christian Higher Education will take another jump this semester, when the evening class program gets underway later this month. Registration for these evening classes will be held tomorrow night, September 24, in the Blair High School Auditorium. Dr. Charles Shipman, who is heading the evening program, says Dana will offer approximately six or eight college credit courses, depending on the number of registrations. The program is carried out in conjunction with a similar program at Blair High School. This year, however, Dana's courses will be taught on the campus.



Mr. James Thompson of Blair High School and Dana's Dr. Charles Shipman are the coordinators of the 1957 Evening Class Program.

Spiritual Emphasis Days

Dana's annual Spiritual Emphasis Days are scheduled for Sept. 29 to Oct. 1. Reverend Paul Johnsen, missionary to Japan, will be on campus to conduct the meetings. Rev. Johnsen has been in Japan since the summer of 1952, when he graduated from Trinity Seminary here. He is currently on furlough in the United States, and is doing graduate work at the Chicago Lutheran Seminary in Maywood, Illinois.

Reverend Ezra Jangare, of the Lutheran Mission in Sudan, Africa, spoke to Dana students at the Sept. 17 Chapel Service. Rev Jangare was born and raised in a heathen home. He was converted to the Christian faith through the influence of a missionary, and today is the representative of the Lutheran Church in Nigeria.

Another outstanding Lutheran will speak at chapel services this month. Dr. Regin Prenter, of the University of Aarhus in Denmark, will speak September 27.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

A Letter From Our Overseas Guests

Four of the seventy young Lutherans from all over the world who came to our country as the youth delegation to the third LWF-Assembly in Minneapolis were sponsored by the UELC Luther League for a visitation program with the purpose of acquainting them with American life in general and church activities in particular. Two of our guests, Gunther Beck, 23, from Vienna, Austria, and Hinrich Buss, 20, from East Friesland, West Germany, both students in their respective countries, travelled together for two months, attending the UELC Luther League Convention in Fresno and afterwards visiting the Midwest. After their stay in Minneapolis they sent the following letter from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, where they spent their last days in this country at the Lutheran Students' Association Ashram before departing for Europe on September 4th.

Dear Friends:

We should not like to leave this country without expressing our deep gratitude for the truly fine time we had with you and the many things we learned from you. It is hard to sum up in a few lines the manifold and rich experiences we had as youth visitors to this country. Too fresh are all the impressions on our minds to undertake a full evaluation of what they really mean to us, and the proof—living anew in our own lives at home the faith that was strengthened, we think, in every one of us in the fellowship with other Lutherans and passing on to our home congregations what we learned over here—is yet ahead of us. One thing, however, we can certainly say even at this time, namely that this visitation program was not only a wonderful experience for us individually, but it will also produce a lasting impact on and a stimulus for the youth work in our countries. It was in realizing this important fact that the proposition to carry on an exchange program on these lines among Lutheran youth every year was unanimously agreed upon in Minneapolis. We think this is a big step forward in coordinating and enriching our world-wide Christian youth activities through mutual understanding and sharing. By inviting us to your country and putting a lot of work and money into this program, you American Lutherans have made this possible—praise be to the Lord who worked this through you, and thanks be to each one of you who contributed to it!

When we landed in New York on June 19th, we really got the "warmest" welcome in our lives—about 100

degrees! We doubted whether we would ever get home alive. But we got used to the heat as well as to American food, which is so very different from ours at home. Otherwise we would probably not have survived the breakdown of our bus air-conditioning in the desert of Nevada at a temperature of 125 degrees!

This bus trip through half of the Continent, from Omaha to Fresno, was one of our most interesting experiences; not only did it take us through such interesting scenery as the Rocky Mountains and the Grand Salt Lake Desert and to such fine places as Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and others, but it also brought us for the first time into contact with young American Christians: the Luther League delegates from Iowa and Nebraska, a very fine group, by the way.

We shall never forget the inspiring morning in Sequoia National Park, when in the shade of those huge Redwood trees, we listened to the age-old and yet always new Word of God.

And it was a great encouragement for our faith to see, while we visited and talked to various groups at many congregations in Iowa and Wisconsin, how many people—young and old, male and female—accept the Word as the Word of Life and live according to it. This week at a lovely Bible retreat at one of Minnesota's "10,000 lakes" gave us a unique opportunity to meet youth leaders from all over the world and to discuss and share our problems with them.

The climax of our program was reached when we had the "once-in-a-lifetime experience" of attending a LWF Assembly. This week in Minneapolis gave us a meaningful insight into world Lutheranism—its problems and manifold tasks.

We pray to God that He may help us to clarify these impressions in our minds so as to enable us to put them into effective use in the upbuilding of His kingdom in our own sphere. We realize that we could not give a great contribution to your youth work. But we hope that this was a beginning, and we shall see many of your youth over in Europe some day.

May the Lord, who has blessed us so richly in the past,

s, continue with His blessing on you and all your
that it may be done for His glory only!

Sincerely yours:
Hinrich Buss
Gunter Beck

Are You Passing the Word Along?

I spent my boyhood in the thirties—the era of the Depression. Jobs were few; money was scarce; food was often begged! Hardly a day passed but some hungry one—probably striving, maybe shiftless but nevertheless hungry—came to my parents' door. And Mother always gave. Neighbors said I was foolish. They said that this was an endless stream, that ours was a marked door, that in the code of the camps—maybe by a stone or a piece of clothes—each was known to another that here, at this door, there was food to be had for the asking. And still Mother

came from India, where hunger and poverty are more widespread than we ever experienced them in depression, Bishop Manikam drew from the same tradition when he defined evangelism at the L.W.F. Assembly as "One beggar telling another where food is to be found!"

Members of the Christian Church are beggars—beggars who have feasted on the grace of God in the Lord Jesus. We have eaten and our need has been satisfied. By word and deed we now must tell others that here in the Lord Jesus is the Bread of Life. (Or haven't we been satisfied? Have we failed to feed upon His Word? Is there still hunger for the things of death?)

Members of the Christian Church are the abundant ones—dispensers of all the good things of life. From the Lord we have received; to His needy children—probably shiftless, maybe shiftless, but nevertheless needy—we give. The stream may be endless (Jesus said it would), the door marked, but still we give, and in giving, we claim that in Jesus Christ there is relief for the weary soul, for the weary body, for the troubled mind.

How do we know? We were hungry, weary, and troubled. We asked of the Lord, and He gave. We ate, and He satisfied. This we now tell to you—and to all who need Him.

Don't you, like a beggar who has fed, tell others that you have received from Jesus—not only during this evangelism month, but always? —J.W.N.

People and Places

West Canada:

The West Canada District Luther League will hold its annual convention, October 18-20, in Bethany Lutheran Church, Tilley, Alberta. The convention theme is:

YOUTH OFFICE BULLETIN BOARD

NEW FILM STRIP ADDED TO LIBRARY

"TOGETHER" is the title of a new Luther League film strip which can be ordered rent-free from your Youth Office, Blair, Nebraska.

"TOGETHER" deals with Parent-Teenage relationships. Produced by the Walther League, this film strip provides an excellent introduction and discussion guide on a number of a number of questions which frequently lead to friction between teenagers and parents.

The film strip is accompanied by pre-projection instructions, a projection script, a discussion guide and a 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ r.p.m. recording.

The recording is arranged to allow interludes for discussion or comment.

TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT, ORDER AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

"Christ Frees and Unites." Pastor George Robertson, our Synodical Youth Director, will be the guest speaker. Pray for God's blessing and plan to be with us at Tilley. E. W. Olsen, President

Hutchinson, Minnesota:

Luther Leaguers elected officers at their annual meeting in June. Tom Brunberg was elected president; Jerome Betker, vice-president; Brenda Henrickson, secretary; and Judith Dolder, treasurer. Four leaguers who attended the national L. L. convention at Fresno have been enthusiastic in telling their experiences and showing their colored slides and pictures of the trip. Twenty-three of our young people attended Bible Camp at Luther Point on Wood Lake, Wisconsin. John Welch was delegated to receive a week's training, at league expense, at Luther League Leadership School at Lake Okoboji, Iowa in August. Leaguers put on an ice cream social on the church lawn August 2, and took in \$107.56 to help pay bus fares for their members to a couple of the LWF Assembly meetings.

The Luther League plans a reception for members of the 1957 confirmation class on September 25. Pastor C. O. Granlund, our visiting Bible Teacher, will be the speaker at this reception.

Northfield, Minnesota:

Junior Leaguers recently dispersed the balance in their treasury by sending \$10.00 to Japan for Japanese hymn books for Missionary Paul Johnsen and \$11.75 to the American Bible Society for Japanese scripture portions to be sent to Missionary Lloyd Neve.

BY THE FIRESIDE

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Psalm 23.

The Lord is my Shepherd, each lamb He is feeding,
I thank Him that all of my wants He is heeding!
He leads me to pastures, with green grass abounding
Where waters are still and no high waves are pounding.

My soul He restores and He guides me so surely
That I in His footsteps may follow securely.
And though I shall walk through the shadows appalling
His staff will uphold me and keep me from falling.

He decks me a table while foes are oppressing,
My head He anoints, fills my cup with His blessing.
On me, while I journey, His mercy descending
Gives promise of heaven with joys never ending.

Carrie Bue Moen

WHO ARE EXCUSED FROM
GIVING TO MISSIONS?

Those . . .

Who believe that the world is not lost and does not need a Savior, who believe that Jesus Christ made a mistake when He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Who believe that the gospel is not the power of God, and cannot save the heathen.

Who wish that missionaries had never come to our ancestors, and that we ourselves were still heathen.

Who believe that it is "every man for himself" in this world, and who with Cain ask, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Who believe that they are not accountable to God for the money entrusted to them.

Who are prepared to accept the final sentence: "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." —Selected.

THE GOSPEL OF LABOR

This is the Gospel of Labor—

Ring it, ye bells of the kirk—
The Lord of love came down from above

To live with the men who work.

This is the rose that he planted

Here in the thorn-cursed soil—

Heaven is blessed with perfect rest;

But the blessing of earth is toil.

—Henry van Dyke

A dog's bark may be worse than his bite, but it never seems as personal.

A DESIRABLE CHURCH MEMBER

By Claud McCallum

A man once tried to sell a horse to Henry Ward Beecher. Said the owner of the horse, "He is a good saddle horse. He is a good buggy horse. He is an excellent carriage horse. He will work well double. He will work on either side of the tongue. He is a good friendly horse." Beecher replied, "I can't buy him, but I would like to have him as a member of my church."

A RULE OF LIFE

Over the entrance of an old cathedral in France, these words stand out clearly: "He who bringest no gift to the altar, beareth no blessing away." It is a rule for the worshiper—it is a rule for all of life.

When we go into the classroom, we must take the gift of attention, the discipline of study, the joy of work well done, the enthusiasm of an earnest searcher, if we would bear the blessings of an education away with us.

When we go to a concert, we must take the gift of appreciation, understanding, deep feeling, and a desire for the best if we would carry the blessing of real art away with us.

When we go into a friendship, we must take the art of understanding, the joy of making another happy, the skill of objectivity, the power of versatility, if we would carry the blessing of a growing fellowship away with us.

In other words, we can only receive by giving. It is one of the great rules of living.

Can you live by that rule?

—Broadcaster

WATCH THE APPEARANCE

By Sylvia Mattson

"I wish that Mr. Brown would . . . that missing button sewed on his suit . . . a Sunday school pupil commented to his friend. "It's been gone for two Sundays!"

Mr. Brown probably did not realize that having a button missing from his suit was causing a distraction from the Sunday school lesson he had carefully prepared. Unfortunately, there are many Mr. Browns, Mrs. Browns, and Miss Browns, who have not given the proper thought to the appearance that they present when they stand before their classes. Even the young children observe an uneven hem line, a spot on the front of a suit, unpressed clothing, or a loose shoulder strap that necessitates constant yanking. Many of these distractions in appearance can easily be remedied.

Moderation should be exercised in dress trimmings and jewelry, and color and cut should be in keeping with good taste and appropriateness. Careful grooming and good posture are assets to a teacher. When distractions in appearance have been remedied, the pupils are better able to concentrate on the lesson and to get something from it. —Church Business

THE SPARK

Hope like a flower
May bud in the night,
And spread through the darkness
A ray of warm light—
And spirits depressed
Through trial and pain,
When touched by its magic
Soar upwards again!

—Alice W. Norton

And then there's the Texas woman about the woman who called her husband and asked: "Will you get the car out, Tex, and drive the kids to the backyard so they can play?"

An old country doctor parked his Model T on the street. When he came back a number of youths were standing around laughing at the car. The doctor climbed into the car and said mildly, "The car's paid for by the boys." He looked deliberately from one boy to another. "You're not and you're not."

WASHINGTON OBSERVER

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interests of the nation require these appointments be made on the basis of fitness and ability and they not be treated as political plums to be fed fair-haired boys to happen to stand close to the one. It is reassuring to note that Mr. Smith's protest has proven successful.

There is a need also for Mrs. Smith in the organized church. Most official appointments made here and most honorary degrees granted there are on a merit basis. Sometimes they are not. Sometimes they are the fruit of favoritism, nepotism, conniving and worldly ambition. In all such instances it will be good for the church if Mrs. Smith is there with this word: "Mr. Chairman, I protest."

Inflation is today our major internal problem . . . We must all do our part . . . We should not be adding recklessly and adding fuel to that flame."

These are the words of President Eisenhower. They are directed to you and me as American citizens. What shall we do in response to this?

The following items are suggestions being ones for which we as Christian citizens "should not be adding recklessly" — liquor, tobacco, fancy foods, tranquilizing drugs and sedatives, costly cars, flashy clothing, night clubs, theater parties, expensive vacations, ultra modern homes equipped with the latest gimmicks and luxury furnishings, highly colored books, magazines and sexy literature.

Perhaps some of these items do not strike you as being in the President's "reckless spending" category. So, why not make up and then proceed to honor your own list? Mainly the careful curtailment of non-essentials coupled with added care in buying essentials, if it does not entirely prevent inflation, will lead toward attaining that end. Remember, Mr. Citizen, it is our own President who is now trying to say this to us.

BOOK REVIEW

The Autobiography of Harry Emerson Fosdick.

Published by Harper & Brothers, New York, N. Y., 324 pages. Price \$4.00.

This is a very thought provoking book. Dr. Fosdick is a controversial figure in American religious life. But the impression one gets by reading his autobiography differs greatly from the impression one gets from what his critics say about him. I cannot accept all his theological views. But I believe he is an honest seeker after truth who has been wrestling with difficult problems. Every pastor and seminary student should read this book. Those who do not want to be disturbed in their complacent thinking should not read it because it may make them do some independent thinking!

A. V. Neve

The Thundering Scot

By Geddes MacGregor, Westminster Press, 240 pages, \$3.95.

This book is a portrait of John Knox, the famous Scot who brought the Reformation to Scotland. The author has given us a fine story of the life of this great man. We are familiar with the life of the German and Swiss reformers, but very few know much about Knox except that he was the Reformer in Scotland. Here you get his life story and the work he did. The political and religious background is also discussed in such a manner that the work of Knox becomes the more clear.

Very few know that this great man was taken prisoner after he had become pastor and that he served as galley slave on a French ship for 19 months. During that time he learned the sweetness of the presence of Christ. By some lucky incident he was able to escape and came back to preach in Scotland. Any student interested in the Reformation will want to read this book. And the book itself holds your interest from beginning to end. —J.M.J.

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Did Man Just Happen?

By W. A. Criswell, Zondervan Publishing House, 121 pages, \$2.00.

Man is created by God. The author proves this in eight interesting chapters. In these chapters the author draws upon biology, embryology, the museums, the rocks, and anthropology to prove his point. The book is written in an easy and interesting style. Those who have troubles with the creation story in the Old Testament will be happy to read this book. —J.M.J.

Which Books Belong To The Bible?

By Floyd V. Filson, Westminster Press, 174 pages, \$3.00.

I have read this book with great interest. It discusses a question often asked by lay people: How do we know that the Bible is the only source of (Continued on Page 14)

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No. Hollywood, Calif., Valley Luth. Church for: (F) \$7.80; Forward with Christ \$7.95; L.W.A. \$19.85	27.65		7.80
Selma, Calif., Mary Clausen, in memory of Mrs. Margaret Nielsen and Peter Lund for Home Mission	6.00	6.00	
Ingelwood, Calif., Olivet Luth. Church	1000.00	1000.00	
Selma, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Jorgensen in memory of Rigmor Kroos for Home Missions	5.00	5.00	
Denver, Colo., Christ the King Ev. Luth. Church	123.00	116.00 (F)	7.00
Chicago, Ill., Atonement Luth. Church	300.00	300.00	
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Cedar Falls, Iowa, Nazareth Luth. Church for Synod Quota \$1,266; 1 mo. salary for E. Whittier, Calif., Mission (4) \$416.66	1682.66	1682.66	
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Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. Church, Circle II	15.00		
Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. Ladies Aid for (So.) \$20; (Sa.) \$20; Children's Home (Oaks) \$10; Pension Fund \$25; L.W.A. \$20; Home Missions, in memory of Mrs. Mary Borup, Mrs. Hans Christensen, Mrs. Florence Ingham and Mrs. Olaf Nissen (\$3 each) \$12	107.00	47.00	40.00
Sidney, Mont., No. Dakota-Montana District, U.E.L.C.	876.79		
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Cushing, Wis., Mrs. Nels G. Nelson and Mrs. Settemyer, in memory of their parents, for Home Missions	10.00	10.00	
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Camp Douglas, Wis., St. Stephen's Luth. Church	110.00	100.00	
Brooklyn, Wis., Brooklyn Luth. Church	300.00	300.00	
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Junior Mission Soc., Ringsted, Ia.	2.00		So. 2.00
Iowa District WMS for Rev. Wahlgren's salary	500.00		Su. 500.00
Iowa District WMS for General Mission	200.00	200.00	
MINNESOTA DISTRICT			
Circle 3, St. Peter's Luth. Church, Northfield, Minn.	75.00		Ja. 75.00
*Correction per notation below		12.05	-12.50
TOTALS	111252.42	42427.63	46560.13

PLEASE NOTE: In September 2, 1957 acknowledgments, contribution in memory of Mrs. Kenneth Christensen and Mrs. Anton Peterson for Home Mission should have been from Mr. and Mrs. Hans Chr. Hansen of Audubon, Ia., instead of Ebenezer Church.

* In September 2, 1957, acknowledgments, Bethany Ladies Aid of Spencer, Ia., contribution of \$12.05 has been credited to Home Missions, instead of Foreign Missions; the \$5 contribution in memory of John Anderson is also credited to Home Missions.

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, September 14, 1957

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer

HEROES OF PEACE

For centuries, historians have played their most colorful floodlights on tyrants and conquerors. Glory, it has been emphasized, is surest earned through slaughter. Who can tell whether the world would still be plagued with wars if, long ago, historians had stripped war of its glamor? If they had insistently called mass-killers by their right name? If they had had the vision to reserve their most shining laurels for the heroes of peace?

Who are these heroes of peace? They are the world's teachers, the world's philosophers, the world's ministers, the world's men of science—the servants of mankind. How inspiring history could be if it were written around them! What a tremendous influence their lives, properly presented, could have on coming generations! Unfortunately, all

but a few of these heroes of peace are unsung. Unsung, too, are the countless patriots who made it possible for such heroes to make their noble contributions.

Someday, when history is written as it should be written, perhaps a few well-deserved laurels will be bestowed on the inconspicuous men and women who, down through the centuries, have built the churches, the schools, and the colleges from which have come our heroes of peace!

—Whatever Things

A GRATEFUL SON

It was one bleak morning, when Daniel Webster was helping his father to build a fence on the rocky New Hampshire farm, that he learned that his great ambition was to be fulfilled—he was to go to college.

"We intend to wear our old coat another year. We have put a mortgage on the farm. Denier education myself, I am determined that one of my children, anyhow, have a chance to be a scholar," Daniel's father said.

That night the boy did not sleep at all, so excited with joy he was. But neither did his father, in the room below, sleep—that old and loving father who was turning his hair upon an old age of ease—and then up with a prayer of thankfulness, added burden, that his boy might have a chance in the world.

It was no wonder that, when his son became the most famous man in America, he said: "The finest gentleman I have ever known and the heroic soul was my father."

—Selma

NEWS AND NOTES

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t. Greetings were also brought by
ent pastor Christ Laursen and Mr.
mas Nelson, president of the con-
nation. A history of the past 66
s was presented.

ter that the congregation met
ide at the cornerstone. It was
ed and the contents read. The
history and some pictures were
d. Old members and former pas-
added much to the program. The
ch was beautifully decorated with
ers as well as the lawn outside.
Luther League had decorated the
ng room in gold and white. It
a wonderful day enjoyed by all.

stor August Hoeger, who has as-
ed his duties as head of the Chris-
ty department at Dana College,
supervise the assignment of staff
bers and pre-theological students
pulpit supply. Pastors and congre-
ns who desire pulpit supply from
will please address their re-
s to him.

C. C. Madsen, President

en-Ezer, Brush, Colo. The Eben-
Lutheran Home for the aged and
nvalids has completed the exten-
program, especially the installa-
of an elevator. Sept. 22nd marked
official opening of these facilities.
home has 69 guests, "nearly all
ids." It has a long waiting list.
home is looking for some assist-
to get a new dish-washer and
furniture in the dining room. It
looks forward to the renewal of
oilers. The Rev. and Mrs. Victor
E. Bagger manage the home.



Trinity Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, Minn.

Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, J. E. Ander-
sen, Pastor. Having outgrown its pres-
ent facilities a new church is under
construction for Trinity Lutheran
Church. The footings are in place and
the walls are beginning to go up.
Weather permitting the church should
be enclosed before cold weather sets
in so that the construction can con-
tinue on the inside of the building
during the winter.

The new church is located six blocks
south of the site of the old church.

It is to be built in contemporary style,
will seat 270 in the nave, 60 in the
balcony and 100 in an overflow area
which will also serve as a chapel. The
church will feature an aluminum
tower 99 feet tall. The slope of the
grounds allows the west wall of the
basement to be above ground so that
the social hall will be lighted natural-
ly in daylight hours. Ample class-
rooms, church office and mothers'
room are being provided. An estimat-
ed year will be required to complete
the building.

BOOK REVIEW

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on? There were other books,
say, which are of value. The
or discusses all the critical prob-
and then comes to the conclusion
the present books in the Bible be-
to the Bible and that there should
o change. The present canon is
ight canon. —J.M.J.

The Fountain Of Youth

Angel Martinez, Zondervan Publ.
e, 120 pages, \$2.00.
s book has eight revival sermons

by a 34 year old Baptist pastor.
They are simple and moving.

Some Golden Daybreak

By Lee Robertson, Zondervan Publ.
House, 116 pages, \$2.00.

Those interested in the Second Com-
ing of Christ will find some of these
sermons of value. There are 17 of
them on the subject.

1,000 New Illustrations

By Al Bryant, Zondervan Publ.
House, 254 pages, \$3.95.

This book is of the usual kind of this
type on the market.

John 3:16

By R. L. Moyer, Zondervan Publ.
House, 127 pages, \$2.00.

This book has ten evangelical ser-
mons on the well known Bible verse,
John 3:16.

Called to be Servants

By Larry Love, Zondervan Publ.
House, 119 pages \$2.00.

The seven sermons in this book are
sermons to believers, who are called
to be servants, to obey God and carry
out His command.

For Rally Day and Reopening Day -- 1957

NEW—RALLY DAY INVITATION POST CARDS



No. 520



No. 521



No. 523



No. 522



No. 524

All NEW for 1957—beautiful invitation cards that provide an incentive for being present on Rally Day. The bright colors, appropriate illustrations, messages and scripture texts bring a warm and personal invitation. Each card is lithographed in multicolor on high quality linen-finish card stock. Space is provided on the address side for personal correspondence. This new series offers a card for every age—children through adults. Size $3\frac{3}{8} \times 5\frac{3}{8}$ inches.

THE COMPLETE SERIES

Number and Age

- No. 520—Children
 - No. 521—Teen-age and Young People
 - No. 522—General (Any Age)
 - No. 523—General (Any Age)
- 25 cents per dozen; \$1.50 per 100
500 in box, banded in 100's

NEW—REOPENING DAY CARD

No. 524

This attractive card features a beautiful colonial church, reproduced in multicolor on linen finish card stock. The front of the card has a brief invitational message and the scripture verse "Worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness." Space is provided on the back for correspondence and address.

25 cents per dozen; \$1.50 per 100
500 in box, banded in 100's

NEW RALLY DAY SOUVENIR BUTTON

No. 525

A detail from Foxley's "Christ Blessing Children" is produced on this new souvenir button. One inch in diameter—full color on metal, with high gloss varnish. Pin attachment.

30 cents per dozen; \$2.25 per 100
1,000 in box, in envelopes of 100



RALLY DAY SOUVENIR TAG NO. 1021

Something new in souvenirs for Rally Day—a big, colorful tag to add zest to the occasion. Full-color scene shows pastor greeting his people at the church door, Inscription: "Rally Day," Bible verse on back: "In thy presence is fullness of joy." With string. $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches long.

25 cents per dozen; \$1.50 per 100
500 in box, tied in 100's

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